

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GRANTSVILLE CITY COUNCIL, HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2015 AT THE GRANTSVILLE CITY HALL, 429 EAST MAIN STREET, GRANTSVILLE, UTAH. THE MEETING BEGAN AT 7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

**Mayor and Council Members Present:** Mayor Brent Marshall and Council Members Mike Johnson, Mike Colson, Tom Tripp, Neil Critchlow, and Scott Stice.

**Appointed Officers and Employees Present:** Joel Linares and Kevin Turner.

**Citizens and Guests Present:** Kent Liddiard, Doelene Pitt, Jewel Allen, Susan Johnsen, and Laurie Hurst.

Mayor Marshall asked Councilman Tripp to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA:**

**1. Public Comments.**

No comments were offered.

**2. Summary Action Items.**

- a. Approval of Minutes from the September 2, 2015 City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$285,026.18.

**Motion:** Councilman Tripp made a motion to approve the summary action items as presented. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Stice, "Aye", Councilman Critchlow, "Aye", Councilman Tripp, "Aye", Councilman Colson, "Aye", and Councilman Johnson, "Aye". The motion carried.

**3. Presentation to Becky Taylor.**

Chief Turner presented an award to Becky Taylor for her thirteen years of service as a crossing guard. He thanked her for serving and commented on how hard of a job it is. He said she has helped many generations in all types of weather.

Becky Taylor stated they were the best years of her life. She remarked that she had no idea of how much she would miss it. Mrs. Taylor spoke about how she was able to work at all of the schools. She thanked the City for their support.

**4. Presentation by Tooele County School District on the School Improvement Bond Election.**

Doelene Pitt with Tooele County School District presented the School Improvement Bond Election information. She stated they are looking at a forty-nine million dollar bond. She discussed the causes and needs for the bond. It will be used to build an elementary school in Stansbury, an elementary school in Tooele, expand other schools, and build another Junior High School in Stansbury. Mrs. Pitt reported the bond will help build a weight facility at Grantsville High School and wireless capacity upgrades at Grantsville High and Junior High Schools. Alan Mouritsen also spoke. He stated they are in the process of retiring a lot of debt. There is still a need for new schools and improvements. The interest rates are allowing for debt to be acquired, while rates are lower and cost less.

Councilman Tripp asked what kind of study the construction plan was being predicated on. He pointed out last time the School District did this, they had a 30% over run of capital improvements and built schools in locations that were not necessary. Presenters explained this bond is not to pay off old debt, but to take on new debt to continue the same influx of money. They reported they consult experts as to where to locate new schools.

Councilman Colson inquired if there are plans in the capital improvements for the bathrooms at Grantsville High School. He stated the bathrooms need to be remodeled. Mr. Mouritsen answered intermediate capital projects are usually done as requested by the school and then prioritized.

Councilman Critchlow has spoken with a former superintendent about East Elementary and Harris Elementary needing to be remodeled. He commented on the need to keep the cost of running our schools down.

Mayor Marshall remarked on the plan to combine East and Harris. He expressed his concerns about the size and whether students will receive the attention they need. Mrs. Pitt stated between the two schools, there are about seven hundred (700) students which is less than the number of students at Willow or Grantsville Elementary. Enrollment in that area is remaining the same or slightly declining. They staff on the ratio of kids. Class size is expected to remain close to what it is now.

**5. Consideration of Ordinance 2015-13 adopting new sign regulations for Chapter 20 of the Grantsville City Land Use Development and Management Code and repealing sign regulations previously in use.**

Councilman Stice thanked Attorney Linares for making the changes he requested. Attorney Linares replied there were two changes that needed to be discussed. The Council reviewed the Use Tables and definitions. Attorney Linares explained if a sign is permitted in a zone, an application for the sign permit or building permit would still need to be submitted. He indicated that just because a single family dwelling is permitted, a building permit still needs to be issued.

Councilman Tripp commented that in Section 20-6, Exceptions, a lot was removed. Attorney Linares remarked there were problematic issues and the potential for law suits. Councilman Tripp explained what he understood the Exceptions to mean. Attorney Linares responded that by allowing the signs, the City Council is deciding the signs that are allowed by content or what's on them. He said the Courts have been consistent that you cannot decide what signs are okay or not okay by content.

The Council discussed campaign signs, roof signs, and grandfathering. Councilman Tripp requested having the Tables in the City Code as well as in the Land Use Development and Management Code.

**Motion:** Councilman Stice made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-13 adopting the new sign regulations for Chapter 20 of the Grantsville City Land Use Development and Management Code and repealing sign regulations previously in use, effective January 1, 2016 with the amendments discussed. Councilman Tripp seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: Councilman Stice, "Aye", Councilman Critchlow, "Aye", Councilman Tripp, "Aye", Councilman Colson, "Aye", and Councilman Johnson, "Aye". The motion carried.

## **6. Mayor and Council Reports.**

Mayor Marshall attended the ribbon cutting at Kidsville with Councilman Colson and the Tooele County Economic Development meeting. He met with Joe Cange about his development on Nygreen Street and rezoning part of the property. The Mayor met with Archiplex about future plans for the Clark Farm property. They will present information at the October 7<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting. Mayor Marshall attended Dean Johnson's retirement party at Zion's Bank, the Lantern Fest at SeaBase, the County Commission Meeting, and the Town Hall Meeting with Congressman Chris Stewart. He has a meeting with Gary Fawson about our tree order for the planting scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. The trees will be planted with the help of organizations from the High School during their day of service. Mayor Marshall attended the City employees' safety meeting. The Mayor has been working on the Clark Farm Minor Subdivision for the sale of 2.179 acres. This will be presented to the Planning Commission on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Marshall announced Elected Officials training will take place tomorrow from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. at the Tooele County Emergency Management. He has discussed the law concerning the Lantern Fest with Representative Nelson and Representative Sagers. He has requested they let the law remain as it is; giving local jurisdiction authority to regulate. The Mayor announced Richard Copeland's building is being sold to someone other than Grantsville City so the property will remain on the tax rolls. Mayor Marshall stated he has scheduled the High School for a Meet the Candidate Night on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Notices will be sent to all candidates.

Councilman Stice commented on the success of the Lantern Fest. He felt it worked well to give the Fire Department jurisdiction over determining safety. Councilman Stice reported on the service calls for mosquitoes. He said in August there were six (6) service calls for the entire valley. In July there were five (5) service calls and in June there were twenty seven (27) calls. There were four positive pools in Grantsville for West Nile Virus (Castagno Ranch, two of the sewer ponds, and Gary Fawson's). Councilman Stice stated there are still no people with West Nile Virus in our valley, but there were two in Salt Lake. He replied he had an interesting conversation with someone in Salt Lake about the prison relocation. Councilman Stice said there are two possible locations on the property chosen for the prison; one directly north of the old landfill owned by Kennecott and one to the west owned by people from California.

Councilman Critchlow attended and helped with the bike rodeo at Grantsville Elementary. He encouraged everyone to attend the Honey Harvest Festival on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. He was impressed with the Lantern Fest. The Council discussed the success of the Lantern Fest and its effect on the City.

Approved

Councilman Tripp commented the Tooele County Board of Health Meeting is this coming Tuesday. He will be out of town and expects to attend electronically.

**7. Closed Session (Personnel, Real Estate, Imminent Litigation).**

The City Council did not go into a Closed Session.

**8. Adjourn.**

**Motion:** Councilman Stice made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Colson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.